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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology
SUBJECT : Request for the DD/S&T to Brief OSP
Personnel

1. As you are aware, a good many of the OSP professionals have been hired directly from industry with little or no Government experience. While we have attempted to provide some form of orientation and instruction for our personnel, we feel it would be extremely beneficial if you could take an hour to brief the entire OSP staff on the workings, drives, and goals of the DD/S&T and how they fit into the over-all intelligence picture. Further, we would appreciate any comments you might proffer on the role that you see the Agency playing downstream in the reconnaissance arena, particularly from a system's point of view.

2. If you are amenable to this request, we will arrange for the Auditorium on 27 January at 1030 hours which, we understand, is free on your calendar.

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7. The authority of the Director, NSA over all resources, other than those transferred to the military services or commands on the grounds that they serve essentially tactical purposes, should be confirmed and strengthened.

8. It would be desirable to do away with the present subordination of the Director of NSA to DDR&E, and to have him report directly to the Deputy Secretary, recognizing that additional staff support in the form of the senior assistant proposed will be necessary. The establishment of a cryptologic career within the services should be encouraged and supported. Steps towards this objective have already been taken but further progress is possible.

9. The capability of the Director, NSA for direction and guidance of the cryptologic community should be strengthened by the assignment of senior officials with experience and competence in planning and programming.

10. Existing arrangements between the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) and the rest of the intelligence community, including NSA, appear to me generally satisfactory. The NRO agreement was negotiated with considerable difficulty with a view to accommodating conflicting interests. It has provided an increasingly effective mechanism through which the potentialities and capabilities of various agencies of the Government for overhead reconnaissance have been exploited. Design, development and operational control of overhead sensors has proceeded under the overall direction and coordination of the Director, NRO. Guidance to this effort is established through the appropriate USIB mechanisms which determine the number, frequency and objectives of missions required from particular sensors, e.g., the resolution of photography for certain purposes, frequencies, band widths and general characteristics of signals to be intercepted, is determined as a result of a dialogue between the substantive elements of the community (acting through USIB) and the appropriate echelons of the NRO. NSA plays an important part in this dialogue, is adequately represented in USIB and maintains effective working relationships, at the technical level, with the NRO.

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The processing facilities of NSA play an essential part in the exploitation of data collected from SIGINT satellite operations just as the National Photographic Interpretation Center (NPIC) plays an essential

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